Special central assistance for tribals

2426. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give directly the special central assistance to the States so that it could be utilised for the tribal population within and outside the I.T.D.P.;

(b) if so details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b According to the existing procedure Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan is already being sanctioned directly to the States for ITDPs, MADA pockets, Clusters, Primitive Tribes Projects and for Tribals residing outside the project areas.

(c) Does not arise.

Tourist cottages at Digha

2427. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3389 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for Tourist Cottages at Digha has since been fully released; and

(b) if so, when with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 40.17 lakhs for construction of Tourist Cottages at Digha. An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs has been released as the first instalment. The second instalment of funds will be released to the executing agency depending upon the progress of the work and after the first instalment of funds is fully utilised.

Tourist Accommodation at Gadiara

2428. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3389 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for the Tourist accommodation at Gadiara has since been fully released; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 16.93 lakhs for construction of Tourist Accommodation at Gadiara. An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been released as the first instalment The second instalment of funds will be released to the executing agency depending upon the progress of work and after the first instalment is fully utilised.

Expansion of tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan

2429. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for expansion of tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan in West Bengal has since been fully released;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Ministry of Tourism releases funds to the executing agencies in instalments depending upon the progress of works and utilisation of funds. The second instalment of funds for expansion of Tourist Accommodation